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COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT

Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From: June 30, 2015

To: June 30, 2017

I. Statement of Continued Support

July 28, 2017

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that The Resource Foundation reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its principles, as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information to our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely yours,



Marcela Lopez-Macedonio
President and CEO



II. Description of Actions

The Resource Foundation (TRF) is a U.S. based, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization founded in 1987, with a mission to empower disadvantaged communities across Latin America and the Caribbean with the skills, knowledge and opportunities they need to improve their lives.

Since our founding, TRF has partnered with the private sector here in the U.S. and with civil society organizations across Latin America, the Caribbean and Canada (LACC) to promote the region's sustainable economic and social development. To that end, it has assisted donors, corporate, foundation and individuals, in facilitating charitable support to the Americas through specialized, tailored services that enhance program results while optimizing impact. By forming partnerships with a network of over **350** carefully vetted nonprofit organizations, many of which are signatories to the UN Global Compact, in **29** countries, TRF helps its donors, again many of which are signatories to the UN Global Compact, to empower disadvantaged communities to gain and access the skills, knowledge and opportunities they need to improve their lives.

Extensive experience in international grantmaking enables TRF to aid donors in successfully maneuvering the complex processes associated with supporting LACC-based civil society organizations. TRF further collaborates with local nonprofit organizations and social enterprises across the region to implement country-based and regional initiatives furthering the 17 Goals for Sustainable Development (SDGs) and address a wide range of issues, from youth development, education, women's empowerment and economic advancement, to health services, vocational training, sustainable agriculture and climate change.

TRF leverages its regional knowledge and multilingual staff to effectively collaborate with both the grantor donors/clients as well as with the grantee local nonprofit organizations. Recognizing and understanding that many development issues are interconnected, TRF advocates for holistic projects that address the root causes of development challenges, thus ensuring programs' efficiency and long-term sustainability. In doing this, TRF helps donors, including leading corporations, to support programs that contribute to the internationally-established global agenda and the quest to achieve the **169** targets outlined in the SDGs.

TRF values its standing as a signatory to the UN Global Compact and a member of the US network of the UN Global Compact as it recognizes that in order to achieve effective solutions to sustainable development challenges, collaboration and active participation across sectors is necessary. Partnerships among private sector, civil society, and the public sector are required in order to make the achievement of the SDGs possible. To that end, TRF has taken the following actions in furtherance of its mission and in support of the UN Global Compact and its Ten Principles:

- Engaged with Global Compact local network members on initiatives that further UN Global Compact Goals and principles
- Participated in Global Compact and local events



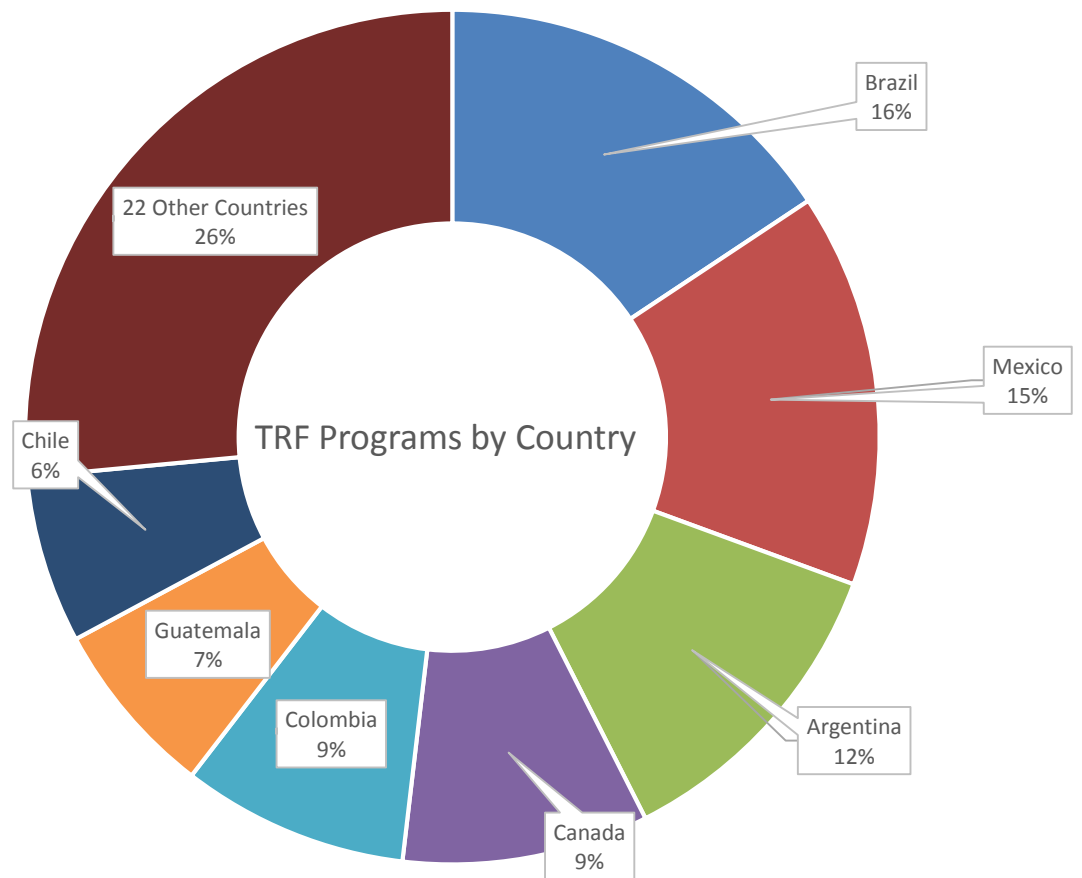


- Developed partnerships with the business community with presence in Latin America to support regional education and gender equity programs in 10 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Advised and helped develop locally relevant corporate responsibility strategy for LAC aligned with donor's global corporate responsibility priority and foci
- Developed STEM programs in Colombia and Mexico that promote greater participation and empowerment of women and girls
- Partnered with Corporate, Public and Civil society organizations in Brazil to tackle Zika virus epidemic and provide training and support to local stakeholders providing prenatal and post natal support to affected persons
- Partnered with Corporate, Civil society and Public sector organizations in response to disaster relief situations
- Provided support to corporate partners with regards to CSR reporting as related to programs funded through TRF necessary for the Corporate Sustainability reporting and COPs

III. Measurement of Outcomes

In support of its Communication on Engagement, The Resource Foundation presents the following indicators to measure the outcome of the activities described:

- Partnered Global Compact network members to support and facilitate their charitable activities and corporate engagement actions in 29 countries in the Americas.
- Attended UN Global Compact events, including the Sustainable Development Goals Business Forum, UN Global Compact Leaders Summit sessions, as well as a series of webinars around Corporate Sustainability reporting, SDG reporting and the 2030 Agenda.
- Participated in Global Corporate Volunteerism and PPP events in Toronto, Mexico City and Bogota around issues related to SDGs and Food Insecurity
- Provided over \$15.9M in corporate support of 477 programs aligned with the Global Goals for Sustainable Development and UN Global Compact principles
- Fostered collaborative partnerships among private, civil sector and public organizations in 29 countries
- Through programs supported in 2015 and 2016, TRF's collaborative initiatives have benefited approximately 2 million men, women and children annually
- Country breakdown:



- Specifically, TRF has enabled its corporate donor partners to support programs related to SDGs 1, 2,3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12,13, 14,15, 16 and 17
- Top SDGs receiving corporate support through TRF: 1 -5 and 17
- Provided program impact analysis and input to corporate donors in support of their corporate sustainability reporting requirements
- Provided capacity building support to corporate partners' employees in LACC on international grantmaking, including compliance with FCPA and other applicable rules and best practices

- Sample program supported:

HOLISTIC, MULTI-DIMENSIONAL APPROACH

